

Submitted By:
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TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2004

Approved By:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Selectman Douglass, Wells and Rice present.

1. Review and Sign:

- Accounts payable, payroll warrants and minutes
- Quit Claim Deed
- Forfeiture Form for Harbormaster Boat

All items reviewed and signed.

2. Meetings and Hearings:

- Meet with Tom Totman, Chairman of the Center Pond Alewife Committee, to discuss the Center Pond Fishway

Meeting held. Water from Center Pond is leaking around the causeway boards. Mr. Totman will have John Morse cut new boards for both sides of the causeway (pond and river.) The funding will come from the Center Pond causeway construction account. He also reported that the Center Pond Alewife Committee will be meeting with Tom Squires or Mike Brown from DMR to discuss the future of the Alewife Fishery in Center Pond (i.e. restocking program.)

- Meet with Les Smith, Road Committee Chair, and Curtis Doughty, Road Commissioner, to discuss a 5 year Road Capital Improvement Plan

Meeting held and plan discussed. All existing road accounts, with the exception of the Stoneybrook Road account, will be combined into one CIP account for paved roads. Selectman Douglass recommended that another account be established for gravel roads and that any major construction requiring a right of way change or land purchase be kept as a separate account. The Road Commissioner was in support of the proposed CIP plan. A final plan will be submitted to the Budget Committee for their approval. The plan is on file at the Town Office for review.

- Meet with the Juanita Wilson, Contract Assessing Agent, for updates
Update was given on the equalization project. No further action taken.

3. Discuss the following issues:

- Set a date for the Posted Roads Public Hearing
Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Feb 25th.
- Set a date for a Selectmen's Budget Workshop
Budget Workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Feb 24th.

4. Review the following items:

- **None.**

5. Discuss attendance at the following meetings, courses, and seminars:

- **None**

6. Miscellaneous:

- **Peter Roberts, from the Town Landing Committee, expressed his concerns that the Selectmen had not arranged a meeting between his committee and the Town**

Attorney to discuss non-resident access to town owned landings. It was explained that at the last Selectmens' meeting, which the Town Landing Committee attended, the decision was made to request written comments from the Town Attorney and MMA concerning this issue. The Administrator had also discussed this with Arthur Pierce, Chairman of the Town Landing Committee, several days ago and were in agreement that the Selectmen would wait for written comments, then meet with the Town Landing Committee to review them. At that time a decision would be made if a meeting with the Town Attorney was necessary.

- **Selectman Douglass gave a briefing on the County Budget Caucus he attended.**
- **The Road Commissioner discussed increasing the salary and equipment payments for the Road Crew. The T/A will research what other municipalities are paying and provide the information to the Road Commissioner for presentation to the Budget Committee.**
- **The T/A will contact the Library Options Committee and Health Options Committee and have them draft committee reports, no longer then two pages, for the Annual Town Report.**

Adjourned: 8:41 p.m.